

Remarks

The restriction requirement mailed January 19, 2001 has been received and reviewed. Applicants elect Group I which includes claims 1, 4-15, 17-19 and 28-29. Claims 16, 20, 22, and 24 through 27 are to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file a related application claiming the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants also are amending the application to add new claims 30 through 36. These claims parallel claims 5 through 11, but depend from elected claim 4 rather than elected claim 1. Basis for this amendment is found in the application as-filed where claims 5 through 11 were originally multiple dependent claims claiming priority from, inter alia, both claims 1 and 4.

Conclusion

If questions exist after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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